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SCHOOL SHOOTING

FBI failed to explore tip on Florida suspect

By Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush
 The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a “desire to kill” and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI director to resign because of the agency’s failure. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17

people Wednesday was a “tragic consequence” of the FBI’s missteps and ordered a review of the Justice Department’s processes. He said it’s now clear that the nation’s premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs. A person who was close to Nikolas Cruz called the FBI’s tip line on Jan. 5 and provided information about Cruz’s weapons and his erratic behavior, including his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school. In a statement, the agency ac-

knowledged that the tip should have been shared with the FBI’s Miami office and investigated, but it was not. The startling admission came as the agency was already facing criticism for its treatment of a tip about a YouTube comment posted last year. The comment posted by a “Nikolas Cruz” said, “Im going to be a professional school shooter.” The FBI investigated the remark but did not determine who made it. The 19-year-old Cruz has been

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A young girl and a woman link arms as they leave a funeral service for Alyssa Alhadeff at the Star of David Funeral Chapel in North Lauderdale, Fla., on Friday.

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CITY COUNCIL

SANTA CRUZ WADES INTO RENT CONTROL



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With the chambers of the Santa Cruz City Council filled to capacity, concerned citizens watch through the windows as the council begins discussion of a temporary rent hike freeze Tuesday night.

Emergency vote has immediate impacts, sets new eviction rules

By Jessica A. York
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SANTA CRUZ » Though on opposite sides of an issue, Melissa George, a landlord, and Robert Cavoris, a renter, have something in common: They both find Santa Cruz’s rental situation precarious. On Tuesday, the Santa Cruz

City Council set in place temporary rules related to how quickly residential landlords can raise their rents and under what circumstances they can oust their tenants. The emergency ordinance, effectively immediately, was set in place nine months before city voters may be asked with a ballot initiative to establish permanent renter protections. Santa Cruz follows behind

nearby cities such as Richmond and Mountain View, both of which established rent control measures last year. Initiatives — each unsuccessful — seeking rent control in Santa Cruz itself have been before voters at least four times in the past five decades. The city’s temporary version of rent control, as approved Tuesday, was designed to mimic the ballot language. Dozens of people, including Cavoris and George, lined up to speak for hours before the council this week, speaking for and against the step it was about to take. Cavoris was in favor of the

council action, while George opposed it.

Landlord's take

George, a teacher who grew up in Santa Cruz County, said she was unable to afford returning to the area as an adult after a career spent elsewhere until her father, retired Santa Cruz County Superior Judge Robert Yonts Jr., left rental property to her after he died. George said she now is facing an estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 in property repairs, plus a large mortgage, with tenants paying about 60 percent of

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IMMIGRATION

Census sparks citizenship question fears

By Tatiana Sanchez
 Bay Area News Group

Amid ICE raids in workplaces and neighborhoods across the U. S., some residents are worried about a topic that may come up in the 2020 Census for the first time in 70 years: their immigration status. Following reports that the federal government may include a question asking about participants’ citizenship on the census, Santa Clara County leaders on Friday filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act about the bureau’s potential inclusion of the question. The request also asks for details on how the bureau protects the privacy of people who participate in the Census.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Humble, kind and fair: Can curling cure our world?

GANGNEUNG, SOUTH KOREA » The world, some fret, is falling apart. Politicians spar viciously on social media. Leaders lie. Former heroes fall like dominoes amid endless scandals. Cruelty has come to feel commonplace. But never fear: We have curling. The sport with the frenzied sweeping and clacking rocks has rules that literally require players to treat opponents with kindness. Referees aren’t needed, because curlers police themselves. And the winners generally buy the losers a beer. At the Pyeongchang Olympics, curlers and their fans agree: In

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Germany	9	2	4	15
Netherlands	6	5	2	13
Canada	4	5	4	13
Austria	4	1	4	9
United States	5	1	2	8

Mikaela Shiffrin says she is the best women’s slalom skier, attributes her 4th place finish to nervousness. **PAGE B1**

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Magnitude-7.2 earthquake slams Mexico
 An earthquake has shaken south and central Mexico, causing people to flee buildings and office towers. **PAGE A11**

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